

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 have been canceled and claims 18-40 have been added. Claims 18-40 are pending in this application. No new matter has been added and consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 18-40 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below should the Examiner have any questions regarding the prosecution of this application.

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct \$27.00 (small entity excess claim fees) and any additional fees arising as a result of this Amendment or any other communication from Deposit Account No. 50-2241.

Respectfully submitted,

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